OPENING OF THE THIRD ANNUAL NATIONAL EXHIBITION.

Wheels for '97 in a Bewildering trray of Singles, Tandems, and Quadsplets-A Crowd Walts Patiently in the Rain for the Beginning of the Wheelmen's Fair at the Grand Central Palace.

Rain was the bad welcome Dame Nature gave the cycle show last night, but it did not keep the crowd away. The doors were thrown open at 7:30 o'clock, and long before that hour there was a jam before the entrance of the Grand Central Palace. Fully a thousand persons jostled and surged in a tangle of umbrellas ms, and heads under the pelting rain, in the struggle to get the best places before the doors, until Lexington avenue was blocked for ordinary travel, and even the ruthless gripmen had to slack up the speed of the cable cars. Once the portals were flung open there was a rush to enter that carried all before it, like the sweep of a tidal wave. The dvance guard of boys and young men bore the amming with the serenity of football players to a scrimmage. After them came a more sedate division, in which were many women, and as the ast of the waiting throng passed through cabe ressed occupants took their places in the advancing army of excling enthusiasts.

Just then the rain, after having nicely washed parties to the palace without being checked that Dame Nature, after all, is kind to the wheel devotees. However, once inside and under the mock sunlight of the electric bulbs, no one thought of rain. On the way up the stairs were temptations to lotter on every but the pushing throng wanted best to start with, and there were few deserters until the central floor was There is said to be 155,000 square feet of floor space in the building, and however this may be, within thirty minutes of the opening, between pleasure seekers and workers. re was a head for every two square feet on that floor. The Seventh Regiment Band had clashed out the Jubel overture during the first rush, and by this time, when folks had leisure look about. Rogers had begun a cornet solo.

It may to said right now that the "Third Annual National Cycle Exhibition," to quote the full title, is a success. Last year's show was uminous, lively, and longitudinal. This year there is as much gayety and giltter with the addition of height. It is a show in stories, that begins on the ground floor and rises up like an isk. Each layer is good, like the succeeding divisions in a strawberry shortcake, and, like that Yankee luxury, the big berries in this cycling cake, the '97 models, are on the top

This layer is the promenade deck, as a yachtsman might say, but it was not in spick and span order last night, for the workmen had not finwhich, when crowned with a circle of electric feature of the exhibition. All the other floors on to galleries that overlook the promenade, and the visitors as they wander from room are within constant hearing of the stirring music. The main decorations of the hall are white and gold, and, against these festoons, is the coatof-arms of each State in the Union, arranged in panels. On each stand and on other points of plants of unusual beauty, and, over all, are the forms the background for the bewildering variety of cycles and cycle appurtenances.

Nearly all the visitors seemed to be third decult the show was full of interest. In every of standard workmanship to please the novice the invaperienced the larger sprockets are the

the inexperienced the larger sprockets are the striking novelty of the '97 wheels. When this was noticed the casual visitor went off on the quest for the unusual.

There was plenty to gratify their desire for the odd. One bicycle equipped with a shining brass fire extinguisher was universally picked out as a motor machine, and the salesman at this booth was kept busy explaining that it was not a self-propellor. Nearby was a dainty catamaran, the screws worked by a cycle attachment. This would create a sensation on the Hariem. In one room is a cycle of gigantic eize, the seat thirty feet from the floor, and with tires on the wheel two feet in circumference, it is complete in every part, and a modern Goliath would find it just the thing for a spin on the Boulevard. In direct contrast, on a booth a few feet away, stands a wheel only It is complete in every part, and a modern Goliath would find it just the thing for a spin on the Houlevard. In direct contrast, on a booth a few feet away, stands a wheel only fourteen inches high and weighing but five pounds. It is as daintily finished as a woman's watch and is perfect in every way. The wheel spokes are like spider threads, and suggest the tiny charlot made by the fairles for Queen Mab in "A Midsummer Night's Drenm." A cycling joker on another floor, who displays lamps, shows a wheel studsted in every part with his pretty designs for illuminating the cyclist's path. The machine, with its wealth of jeweiry, recalls the diamonds on a sporting man's shirt front.

There was a hungry, hunting look in the faces of many of the visitors, even after they had made the full circuit through all parts of the show. It was the old familiar sonvenir longing, so much in evidence list year. It was only dispelled by the announcement that the souvenir barrels had not been tapped. Before this was known an exhibitor on the promenade deck had a lively experience. On the rail of his stand is a little machine called a dynagraph, a delicate instrument used at his cycle works for measuring the friction of bearings. It looks like a policeman's shield, studded with metallic points, and seems just a nice handful to give as a sonvenir baige. For a moment it stopped working, and, as the exhibitor began fixing it, an inquisitive onlooker stood to watch his methods. In an instant a single file of women and men, a hundred strong, had formed before the stand. They stood in an orderly line, patiently awaiting a distribution of "any old thing." The exhibitor looked flattered at the attention his device attracted, and, when it was moving again, he handed those nearest to him a tapelike strip of paper, traced like a weather map, containing dynagraphic records of tests—and the line, after a united sigh of disappointment, faded away like snow in a thaw, leaving a very much surprised exhibitor waving the slips of paper behind them.

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rider should abandon his mount of 1896 and go to the expense of purchasing one wholly up to date. This embarrasement is naturally consequent upon the uniformity of frame natterns. The tubing being used is about the same eize as it was last year. It is true, however, that the larger diameters of tubing, neh land an eighth and inch and a quarter, are more generally employed. Quite a fumber of makers of conservative ideas, who held back in 1896, have adopted the large tubing has withstood the test of practical use. Indicates that tubing of the diameters now in vogue is not only fashionable, but is also mechanically correct. Large tubing may now be safely said to have passed into the list of permanent features which are fast giving the modern cycle a fixed type.

In the first survey, when only general appearances are noted, the inquiring rider will notice chiefly the slight siteration of lines in the frame by the crank hangers being lower with relation to the rear axie and bearings. In fifty of the best known makes of wheels it is impossible to find one having the crank axie on the same level as the rear hub. The drop is from one inch and a quarter to two inches. The average is about an inch and three-quarters. One effect of this apparent to any eye is a forward alope of the rear forks and chain and new lines to the quadrant formed by the rear forks, back stays, and seat post mast. With the dropped crank hangers this section of the wheel looks like a more substantial truss. An oft-repeated fallacy on the part of untinking riders concerning the reason for this change is that it causes the chain to run down hill. Mechanics and gives them new augles of weight pressure upon which it is easier to compute in turning out their bearings.

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Having noticed these distinctions the intending buver may well continue to wonder why he should sell the old and buy the new, which is so slightly different. The arguments pro and con, on even these points might easily confuse. Many makers had flush joints, drooped bottom brackets and the largest of bleyele cubing in their machines last year. Some had only one or two of these features. To those riders who are devoted to one make of wheel, and make it a point to keen up to date by purchasing a new one every year, there is no problem. Every manufacturer shows a number of differences between his 1896 and 1897 product. If their 1896 machines had all the peculiarities of frame construction that have become typical of this year's models then new mechanical wrinkles appear in the details of spoke, handle bar, crank, and seat-post fastenings, in the style of axies used, and the kind of bearings. To the rider who is not unalterably blased in favor of some make, but who continues the quest into the realm of such details, there comes confusion of another kind. Investigation beyond the superficial reveals a wonderful variety. The new features in details are seemingly endless. They offer an embarassment of riches to the seeker after novelty. While to the casual inspection all the wheels in the show look alike, it is entirely true that no two are precisely the same. When the differences between them are studied and the reasons for the points of variance are sought, the task, which at first flush seemed trivial, comes to assume stupendous orejortions.

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All kinds of lines in front forks and rear forks can be found; all sorts of connections at the joints, endiess variety in the style of fastenings, adjustments, and other details are at hand, and all kinds of reasons are given for each particular departure from the method employed by others. There are hygienic frames, hygienic saddles, hygienic handle bars, and even hygienic padals. There are afjustable handle bars, adjustable saddles, convertible tandems, convertible single wheels, and changeable gears. There are frasks as well as noveltles, and more than appeared at the National Show held in Chicago. The makers of specialties seem to have concluded New York to be a better mart than the "Windy City," and certain manufacturers who made an elaborate display in the West have new features in their stalls here. One Eastern concern, which is using an invisible brake that binds on the crank axie by a turn of the grip, exhibits a wheel with sections cut from it longitudinally, so as to show all the internal action of the device. This makes plain a matter that has litherto been mystifying.

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Among the most striking novelties in complete cycles is a machine imported from England by a prominent Brooklyn tradesman. It is a challess wheel, but front driving. The general appearance of its frame is that of the cold ordinary, or high wheel, but its saddle height is no greater than that of the common safety. It has a front wheel about thirty inches in diameter, and a rear one of about twenty. The rear wheel traits from a curved backbone of the same style made familiar by the ordinary. There is no rake to the steering head. The handle bars are curved first outward and then backward, so as to be immediatly above the forks. The saddle is on the spine, as in the ordinary, and the cranks are attached to the axle, so that there is a slight forward thrust, The gearing, which is of the spur variety, is encased in a metal box. This is the first specimen of this machine ever seen in this country, but in England they have been on the market for several years. They are the broduct of a veteran manufacturer, who finds a ready sale for his output. The machine attracted general attention on the part of the trade as well as the output.

The solitary chainless wheel of the Chicago show has company here. A bevel gear machine, made by a designer who tried three years ago to introduce the chainless article, is consplicuous. It is interesting because of the attempt to obviate the side thrust and strain, natural to bevelled gears et at right angles, by

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The number of cheap wheels exhibited is a feature unknown in former years. Several concerns showing only juvenile cycles are among the exhibitors. In previous years it was almost unheard of for a bicycle concern to cater to the rising generation. The making of children's wheels was in the hands of regular makers, and the production of type is found in the space of one of the largest and best known manufacturers. It is a convertible single wheel, for the use of either a man or a woman. In the days of the first safeties, when they were heavy and clumsy, it was common to see a drop frame machine with a removable top bar. During the last three or four years the type had become almost extinct, and the revival of it by a progressive manufacturer is a venture the result of which will be watched with interest. In favor of this resurrected pattern it must be said that it is as far superior to its prototype as the modern safety is to its progenitors. It is a surprisingly light, and is not un-

by representatives of both men, but nothing definite was arrived at.

Some of the well-known wheelmen noticed at the show were R. L. Coleman, Elliott Mason, H. E. Haymond, J. W. Spaiding, L. B. Whymper, W. C. Marion, "House" Janeway, E. A. Powers, Sidney Bowman, T. F. Maserles, and James E. Sellitze. Sidily and the solution of the trade is for the abandonment of national exhibits in the future.

BOWLING.

R. W. Robinson & Son Defents Dodge & Olcott by Eighty-three Pins, The game between the Dodge & Olcott and R. W. tobinson & Son teams was the most important of the Wholesale Drug Trade Association tournament series played at Reid's alley yesterday afternoon. The last named five won by eighty-three plns. The scores: PURST GAME.

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Podge & Olcett-Ruddiman, 188: Ety, 133; Sloan, 140; hartens, 167; Howe, 138. Total, 771, 150; Perkins, 59; Quin, 154; Seng, 180; Lachian, 190. Total, 620.

SECOND GAME.

R. W. Robinson & Son-Kimball, 145; Kent, 116; Thompson, 115; Hopper, 14; Smith, 170. Total, 640. William J. Matheson & Co.—Rudyard, 145; Perkins, 100; Quin, 125; Seng, 117; Lachban, 125. Total, 618.

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R. W. Robinson & Son Kimball, 116; Kent, 165; Thompson, 164; Roper, 151; Snith, 155. Total, 751. Dodge & Clotte, Ruddiman, 135; Eiy, 109; Sioan, 113; Nartens, 101; Hove, 150. Total, 671.

PIFTH GAME. Dodge & Oicots—Ruddiman, 132; Ely, 177; Sloan, 141; Hartens, 112; Howe, 159. Total, 721. Roessier & Hasslacher—Ernst, 137; Schapper, 87; Malsch, 154; Harnann, 129; Furgang, 116. Total, 523.

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Atalanta A.-Rudd, 177; E. Halsey, 170; Millar, 193; Terbell, 159; Olozaga, 156, Total, 855.

Alpha B.-Brown, 151; Muchimore, 153; Huyler, 150; Benson, 193; Powell, 158; Total, 897.

SECOND SAME. Alpha B-Huyler, 18u; Muchmore, 171; Benson, 170; Brown, 148; Powell, 175, Total, 803, Hamburgs-Heinrich, 141; Weber, 151; Woelper, 148; Oschwald, 167; Braun, 154, Total, 756.

Atalanta A.—Budd. 192; E. Haiser, 200; Millar, 194; Terbell, 142; Obcaça, 1-1. Total, 1909. Hamburgs—Heinrich, 150; Weber, 146; Woelper, 176; Oschwald, 101; Hraun, 134. Total, 776.

Secretary Fains of the United Bowling Clubs has arranged the following schedule for the second week of the headpin tournament:
Monday, Feb. 8—Ottersts reer, Brinkumer, New York City Schuetzen No. 1, New York City Schuetzen No. 2, Orntani Field Club, and Has Beens, Tuesday, Feb. 9—Cyclone, Hoodoo No. 2, Coming Pleasure, Arlington, Apollo, and Lincoin.
Wednesday, Feb. 10—Lotte, Empire No. 2, Adelphi No. 1, and Adelphi No. 2.
Thursday, Feb. 11—Rosedale No. 2, Tourist Cycle Club, Franklin, Bloomingdale No. 2, Krakehila, and Orchard No. 2.
Friday, Feb. 12—Bleccker No. 1, Bleccker No. 2, Priday, Feb. 12—Bleccker No. 2, Priday, Feb. 12—Bleccker No. 2, Priday, Feb. 14—Bleccker No. 2, Priday, Feb. 14—B

Yankee—Temple, 131; Sefert, 187; Briggs, 188; Frazer, 187; Martto, 181. Total, 744. Rount Hope—Hohilan, 149; Russell, 147; Roemer, 186; Brady, 185; Jung, 187; Total, 747. Mount Hope—Hubitan, 98: Russell, 185; Roemer, 170; Brady, 143; Junr, 165, Total, 700, Yankes—Briggs, 143; Sefert, 119; Temple, 140; Fraser, 180; Martin, 136, Total, 718.

Mount Hope—Hohilan, 104; Russell, 146; Rosmer, 182; Srady, 182; Jung, 187; Total, 761.
Yankee—Briggs, 156; Sefert, 126; Temple, 153; Frazer, 154; Martin, 152; Total, 741.

FOURTH GAME.

Mount Rope—H. Milan, 170; Bussell, 146; Roemer, 134; Brady, 151; Jung, 146; Total, 747; Yankee—Briggs, 185; Sefert, 150; Temple, 169; Fraser, 149; Martin, 170; Total, 750.

The Rosedales won the first game in the Platt-deutsche tournament section I series at Frenck's alley on Friday. The secrets

FIRST CAME.

Excelsior—Cook, 115; Hinecke, 134; Heas, 128; Diercka, 186; Grafing, 170, Total, 783, Rosedake—Venino, 169; Mesaloh, 143; Kessler, 167; Bellmer, 107; Lehrbach, 168; Total, 814. Excelsior—Cook, 178; Heinecke, 127; Hess, 130; Diercks, 160; Grafing, 124. Total, 724. Hudson—C. Cordes, 156; V. Hincken, 150; Burfelid, 115; Schwieberi, 136; Ludemann, 159, Total, 714. SECOND GAME. THIRD GAME.

Hudson-Cordes, 169; V. Hincken, 178; Burfeind, 130; Schwiebert, 155; Ludemann, 210, Total, 842; Kosedal, -Venino, 190; Messioh, 177; Kessler, 145; Belimer, 164; Lehrbach, 197, Total, 546. Stein's tournament sames on Priday night re-sulted as follows:

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Liberty No. 1—Wollenhoupt, 113; Waterling, 112;
T. Stephen, 181; Reynolds, 144; Stauler, 97. Total, Oriental-Hipp, 140; Conery, 127; Jones, 136; Car-ney, 125; Lotty, 180. Total, 658.

Liberty No. 2-Kern, 130; E. Stephen, 141; Somer, 147; G. Stephen, 95; Berger, 140. Total, Oly.

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T. Stephen, 147; Reynolds, 192; Stadler, 184, Total, 73v.

THIRD GAME. Oriental-Hipp, 170: Conery, 165; Jones, 105; Carney, 195: Letty, 132. Total, 697. Liberty No. 2-Kern, 172; E. Stephen, 126; Somer, 178; G. Stephen, 103; Berger, 116. Total, 755.

Cixcisnati. Feb. 6.—The bowling games last night were at Wilett's alleys with the crack bowlers of this vicinity, the Cincinnati team, champions of the damilion County League, to whom the Brooklyns dropped two out of three games as follows: First game—Cincinnati, 784; Brooklyn, 775. Second game—Cincinnati, 784; Brooklyn, 786. Third game—Brooklyn, 771; Cincinnati, 670.

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CARSON, Feb. 6. Considerable friction is beng engendered over the rivalry between Carson and Reno as the place for the big fight. The Carson people were the ones who engineered the scheme originally, and the bill was passed with the understanding that the capital was the spot to be selected. Reno fought the proposition ooth and nail. Now that the bill is pe town is more than anxious to profit by legislaion which she opposed. The Comstock, on learning that the principals declined to fight at an altitude of 5,000 feet, are now insisting on Carson, and vowing that any departure from the original programme will result in the repea

of the bill. The sentiment here is that there is no necessity of Stuart fooling about for bids between towns. He has received a valuable franchise from Nevada and it has practically cost him nothing. He can therefore well afford to pull the fight off according to the original intention, and monkeying with bids from rival towns is likely

It is held, however, that the friction now being raised really emanated from some lobbyists who want Stuart to "come to the centre" a little

want Stuart to "come to the centre" a little more, and they have started the trouble at Reno. Whatever trouble now exists will all be over when Stuart gets here. An agent for Corbett of the name of Cook has made arrangments for the ex-champion to train at Steamboat Springs. Everything remains quiet pending the arrival of Stuart, at whose word the machinery of the big mill will begin to move. Chicao, Feb. 6.—A morning paper publishes a letter from George Slier, who is to referee the Fitzammons-Corbett fight, in which he says, among other things:

"The fight will take place, and I consider it truly the fight of the century. The standing of the principals, the repeated efforts to bring them together, and the chances of a final accounting between the pair make the contest the most important in years, if not in the history of the ring. I have been deluged with requests for my opinion on the outcome of the battle by men who do not appear to appreciate the ethics of the ring. I have no idea that these questions were put to mein good faith, with a fixed notion that I would immediately sit down and write them in answer all I knew, thought, or guessed about the result.

"It is hardly the province of a man selected to referee an important a fight to make forecasts or prognostications on the result, and my fool friends would serve me by allaying their anxiety. In so far as I am concerned, I shall endeavor to tell them all about it after a winner has been returned, but until them I shall be compelled to maintain a discreet if not a dignified stience. The big flight is a fixure. The men will meet, and in all human probability a winner and a loser will result from the meeting. Stuart has the affair in hand, and he will see to it that the best he has in the shop will be served up to those who attend the mill."

He Will Depart for Nevada on Next Thurs-

It was definitely settled vesterday that Martin ulian will leave for Nevada on next Tuesday. and Fitzelmmons will go on the Thursday following. Twenty friends of the champion will give a dinner to him at the Bartholdi Hotel on Tuesday night, when he will receive a horse shoe of flowers. Fitz is still training industriously, and is beginning to show the effects of his work. Friends have advised him to take a few more men to assist him in his training. The lanky puglist, however, thinks that Dan Hickey and Ernst Roeber will be sufficient to look out for his interests. Roeber is a strong fellow and is considered a hard worker.

It would not surprise the sports here to see Joe Choynski be inst Corbett when the latter meets Fitz int., ring. Choynski is regarded to be one of the best seconds in the business. He was behind Fitzsimmons when the Australian fought Peter Maher at New Orleans the first time. Joe told The Sus reporter recently that when Maher knocked Fitz down in the first round the latter was nearly out, and that both himself and "English" Jimmy Carroll worked hard over Bob and managed to save him. Billy Brady says he will not go to Nevada until the latter part of this month. Although the hattle is still more than five weeks off, a number of sporting men in this city are eager to wager their money on the result. Billy Edwards says he holds \$2,000 to place at prevailing odds. Jake Wunderlich wants to wager \$700 to \$1,000 on Fitz, while Fred Tarai will invest \$5,000 at 1 to 2 on Hob. Buck Wenrick says he has \$2,500 to bet on the champion. Barney Aaron is willing to back Corbett at the odds of \$500 to \$400. Johnny Manning says he is prepared to give good odds on Corbett. The lanky pugilist, however, thinks that Dan

TWO "KIDS" TO FIGHT,

Laviene and McPartland Both in Shape The contest between "Kid" McPartland and Kid" Lavigne, which will take place before the Broadway Athletic Club to-morrow night, will practically decide the light-weight chamclass, as Jack McAuliffe, who has held the title for so many years, has retired. McPartland, since his entrée in the ring has not at the light-weight limit, and he considers him-self an elighbe aspirant for the title. Lavigne and McPartiand will box twenty-five rounds at 133 pounds, weigh in at 8 o'clock in the even-ing, which will be about two hours before the men enter the ring. As both men are hard hit-ters, a decision should be reached before the floai round.

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Many believe that Lavigne will have an easy task of it, but McPartiand may surprise some of the critics.

In the preliminary contest Jack Daly of Willington and Joe Burke of Brooklyn will meet. Burke is the fellow who gave Mike Leonard such a drubbing about six months ago.

Want Pediar Palmer to Meet Solly Smith and George Dixon.

Pedlar Palmer is anxious to fight again and is ready to tackle Solly Smith. Yesterday Man-ager Fleming of the National Sporting Ciub cabled to the Illustrated News stating that hi club was ready to give a purse of \$2,500 for a club was ready to give a purse of \$2,500 for a 20-round match between Paimer and Smith, the mill to take place on Derly eight. Paimer wants to wager \$2,500 on the outside. Smith has abcepted the terms and the articles will be signed as soon as they reach here.

Manager Bames of the Olympic Club of Birmingham, England, also wants the services of Paimer, and agrees to give \$2,000 for a fight between George Dixon and the English bantam champion. Bames wants the mill to take place in May or a little later, and wishes to have the go decided at 11d pounds. The chance of Dixon accepting this offer is decidedly slim, as Tom O'Rourke yesterday cabled to London offering a \$3,000 purse for Dixon and Palmer to fight in this city.

No Fighting in the City of Mexico. CITY OF MEXICO, Feb. 6.-A few nights ago Billy Clarke, a well-known colored pugilist, was one of the principals in a prize fight held in a club room here. News of the affair has reached the Governer of the Federal District, and the latter has sent an official notice to Clarke warning him that prize fighting will not be countenanced in the Federal District, and that if he ever violates the law again he will be proceeduted and receive a long term of imprisonment.

Atlantic Yacht Club to Meet To-Morrow. A most important meeting of the Atlantic Yacht Club will be held in the pariors of the Waldorf Hotel to-morrow evening. Col. David E. Austen, Secretary of the club, has, at the request of Commodors George Gould, sent a communication to each member of the organization, asking that strenuous efforts be made to have a large representation.

Newberry D. Lawton, Chairman of the Committee on Revision of the Racing Rules, will submit a number of alterations to the existing regulations, and from the careful manner in which the committee has gone through the existing laws of the club and compared them with the newly adopted rules of both the Larchmont and New York Yacht Clubs, there is little doubt that the new ones that will be presented to the Bay Ridge organization will be the most complete and comprehensive to all.

The report of the trustees in reference to the removal of the club to Sea Gate will come up for flusi action at the meeting, as will also the annual election of officers. E. Austen, Secretary of the club, has, at the re-

This will be a notable week at the big inclosed ring of the New York Thistle Curling Association, in Hoboken. The bonspiel in aid of the sufferers from the two large fires in Hoboken a week ferers from the two large fires in Hoboken a week ago will begin to-morrow. Nearly 100 curiers are entered. Each gave \$1 entry fee, and there will be an admission fee of 25 cents charged to witness the bonspiel. The entire sum of money will be randed over to the needy families.

The annual contest for the Mitchell medal will be held next Wednesday. From all reports there will be at least twenty-five teams to compete. The opening games will be called at 8 o'clock in the morning, and it is expected that the winners will be reached by Thursday afternoon.

Runner Bredin Defeated by the Scotch Champion. LONDON, Feb. 6 .- E. C. Bredin, the champion runner of the London A. C., was defeated in a 440-yard race to-day by A. R. Downer, the Scotth champion, of the Scottlish Pelicans of Edinburgh. Downer won by a yard and a half. MR. CROKER'S POOR PROSPECTS. Only Three of His Horses Expected to Do

LONDON, Feb. 6. - The United Associated Presses reporter went to Letcombe Regis, Berkhire, to-day to see Richard Croker's racers, which are at Martin's training stables. There started with, and of these Martin says there are only three from which he expects any results. These are Americus, Santa Aulta, and Rhoda B., a sister to Commoner. He sintes that the horses last year were not in first-class condition, simply because they were not accilimated. The three horses above named have improved wonderfully in the last few months, Americus more than any.

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"This horse," says Martin, "is a sprinter, and
it will take a good one to beat him in some of
the five furiongs and three-quarter races for
which he is entered in the coming season."
Santa Anita has put on flesh and is in good
condition, and will undoubtedly be heard from.
Rhoda B. is a grand looking animal, and is improving fast. Of the others Martin has very
little bopes except of a yearling, a sister to
Handspring, which is a very promising filly.
The ground is frozen hard, and the horses are
getting walking exercise only on the straw beds.
Speaking of Croker's great losses as reported
in the newspapers, Martin says they are ridicutous. He claims that the American did lose
somewhat in the beginning of the season, but
toward the end he recomped many of his losses,
and Martin thinks that on the whele he lost little
or no money. He further says that in his experience on the turf he never met a better or
more cheerful loser than Croker.

No Racing at Barksdale.

BARKSDALE, Feb. 6.—The track here to-day was in very bad condition, which resulted in the management postponing the races scheduled for this afternoon. To-day's entries stand and the races will be run on Monday.

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New Orleans, Feb. 6.—Fine, mild weather drew out 4,000 persons to-day. The track was lumpy and slow, and results were affected, but to tayorites winning. Summary:

First Race—Seven furiongs. If, 102 (Songer), 15 to 1, second; Springtime, 107 (A. Barrett), 30 to 1, third. Time, 1:35½.

Second Race—Seven furiongs. Candy, 103. (C. Reiff), 3 to 1, won; Jack Hayes, 105 (Garner), 2 to 1, second; Daws, 101 (Morse), 7 to 5, third. Time, 1:34½.

Third Race—One mile and a sixteenth. Van Brunt, 115 (Scherrer), even, won; Linnette, 106 (C. Reiff), 7 to 2, second; Favorine, 96 (Dorsey), 4 to 1, inird. Time, 1:56½.

Fourth Race—Six furiongs. Piss. 108 (Dorsey), 5 to 2, won; Taglions, 100 (J. Weber), 100 to 1, second; Bust Up, 107 (C. Reiff), 10 to 1, third. Time, 1:60.

Fifth Race—Six furiongs; selling. Pop Dixon, 95 (A. Barrett), 5 to 1, won; Prince of Iridia, 95 (T. Burns), 5 to 1, second; Carl Holland, 104 (C. Reiff), 10 to 1, third. Time, 1:154.

Sixth Race—Seven furiongs. Gunwad, 101 (Clay, 10 to 1, two, Winslow, 102 (Garner), 3 to 1, second; Aito June, 105 (C. Reiff), 4 to 1, third. Time, 1:85)4.

At the Long Helmad Trans.

At the Long Island Traps.

Just a half dozen members of the Indian Gun Club faced the storm yesterday afternoon and journeyed to Dexter Park to participate in the regular monthly live-bird shoot of the organization. The score:

Regular monthly cmb shoot at ten live birds each, for club badge, handleap rises. Jonn H. Chasmer, 28 yards, 10; Daniel A. Esinger, 28 yards, 28; Frank Scott, 25 yards, 6; Frank Scott, 25 yards, 4; Frank Buchanan, 25 yards, 4.

George Long, 15 yards, 4: Frank Buchanan, 25 yards, 4:

Several members of the Crescent Athletic Club of Brooklyn tried their skill at breaking clay birds at the club grounds, Bay Ridge, yesterday afternoon. Summary:

"First Event—Sweepstakes at twenty five targets rach, known traps and angles. J. S. S. Remsen, 20; Garry Remsen, 17; Henry Baizer, 17; E. H. Lott, 16; H. D. Lott, 16; A.T. Metcalf, 14; E. Martin, 14. Sabond Event—Same conditions. J. S. S. Remsen, 20; Garry Remsen, 21; E. Martin, 19; E. H. Lott, 17; H. Baizer, 17; H. D. Lott, 10; A. T. Metcalf, 9. Third Event—Sweepstakes at twenty five largets each, expert rules. J. S. S. Remsen, 19; E. H. Lott, 16; H. Baizer, 10; Garry Remsen, 10; E. Martin, 14; Metcalf, 9. Fourth Event—Same conditions. J. S. S. Remsen, 19; E. H. Lott, 19; E. Martin, 19; Garry Remsen, 19; E. H. Lott, 19; E. Martin, 19; Garry Remsen, 19; E. H. Lott, 19; E. Martin, 19; Garry Remsen, 19; H. Baizer, 10; A. Metcalf, 19; H. D. Lott, 7; Fifth Event—Shoot-off miss and out, for money in fourth event. J. S. S. Remsen, 0; E. H. Lott, 4; Martin, 8.

Martin, 3.

Sixta Event-Match at twenty-five targets each, known traps and angles. Grant Notman, 12; Donald G. Geddes, 10.

Seventh Event-Same conditions. Geddes, 13;

TRAP NOTES.

Another club has been added to the already long list of gun clubs shooting on Long Island, the latest addition being the Brooking Gun Club, which, although assuming a new name, is virtually the cid Vernon Rod and Gun Club, starting again under an entirely new management. The first shoot of this organization will take place at the Vernon's old grounds. Enfield street and Liberty avenue, Broozilyn, on Saturiay, Feb. 13.

The committee appointed at the annual meeting of the New Utrecht Gun Club to a sk adequate grounds for pigeon shooting, has decided that the purchasing of property and the fitting up of an extensive place is not advisable at the present time, and so reported to the club.

On next Friday Gus Greiff and William Ross of Elizabeth, N. J., will shoot a 100-bird match for N. Y. ent Athletic Club team of gunners has nother match race with the Garden City The Crescent Athletic Club team of gunners has arranged snother match race, wish the Garden City Gun Club at clay bird shooting, the context to take place on Friday upon the latter's grounds.

On Saturday the Crescents will meet a team from the Princeton University in a similar match, except that it will be shot on the grounds of the former.

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